

# HOW TO MAKE UM ATLATL

ME LOM GOM. ME BRAVE HUNTER. TODAY, ME TEACH HOW TO MAKE ATLATL AND A DART TO GO WITH IT. THE ATLATL AND DART WERE ONCE USED AS A HUNTING WEAPON, AND ARE NOW USED FOR SPORT. ME WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE AN EASY ATLATL THAT CAN BE DONE IN A DAY. I AM GOING TO CALL THE THROWING PART THE ATLATL, AND THE SPEAR-LIKE PART, THE DART.



## STEP 1: THE ATLATL.

THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO GET A BRANCH SELECTED FOR THE ATLATL. THE ONE THAT I SELECTED WAS FORTY CENTIMETERS (SIXTEEN INCHES), BUT THE MAIN THING TO DO IS TO GET THE SIZE THAT FITS YOU. THE PIECE THAT I SELECTED HAD A BIT OF A NATURAL CURVE TO IT, WHICH IN MY OPINION IS GOOD FOR AN ATLATL.

## STEP 2: CUTTING.

AFTER THAT, CUT OFF ALL THE LITTLE BRANCHES.



## STEP 3: THINNING.

THEN START THINNING DOWN THE SIDES. ONCE YOU ARE DONE WITH THAT, START THINNING DOWN THE TOP AND BOTTOM. MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW WHERE YOU WANT YOUR HANDLE TO BE SO THAT YOU DON'T ACCIDENTALLY CARVE IT SOME OF IT OFF. IF YOU ARE WANTING A CURVE IN THE ATLATL, THEN THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT TO START CARVING IT.



## STEP 4: THE STOP CUT.

NEXT, START MAKING THE STOP CUT THAT THE DART WILL REST IN.



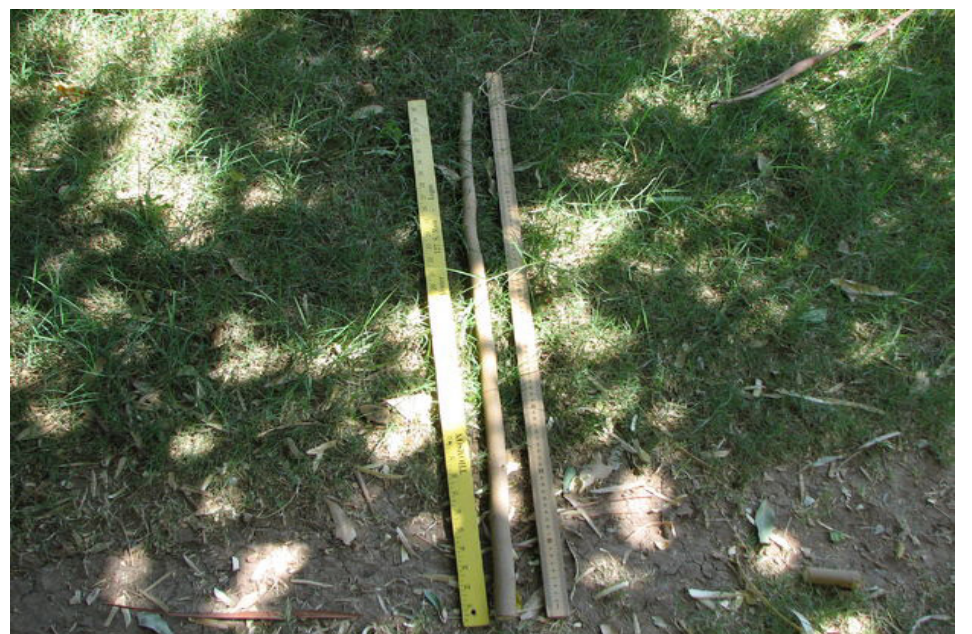
## STEP 5: LAST REFINEMENTS.

NEXT, MAKE THE LAST REFINEMENTS, SAND THE WHOLE THING DOWN, AND VOILA! YOU ARE DONE WITH THE ATLATL.

## STEP 6: THE DART.

NOW, IT IS TIME FOR THE DART. CUT A LONG, STRAIGHT PIECE OF WOOD, AND THEN CUT IT DOWN TO THE LENGTH THAT YOU NEED. AROUND NINETY-THREE CENTIMETERS (THIRTY-SIX INCHES)

THEN TRIMM OFF ALL LITTLE STARTS OF BRANCHES.



## STEP 7: SHAVING OFF BARK.

THEN REMOVE A BIT OF BARK OFF OF THE END THAT WILL REST IN THE STOP-CUT OF THE ATLATL, FOR THE FEATHERS.



## STEP 8: TYING FEATHERS.

TAKE THREE FEATHERS, CUT OFF THE SMALLER SIDES WITH A PAIR OF SCISSORS. AFTER THAT I GLUED THEM JUST ENOUGH TO HOLD THEM ON, TAKE SOME CORDAGE AND PROCEEDED TO WRAP THE FEATHERS ONTO THE NOW-FULLY-FLEDGED-DART. ALSO, WHEN YOU ARE DOING IT, TRY TO MAKE TO END OF THE FEATHERS CURVE TO THE SIDE A BIT, AND IT WILL SPIN WHEN THROWN



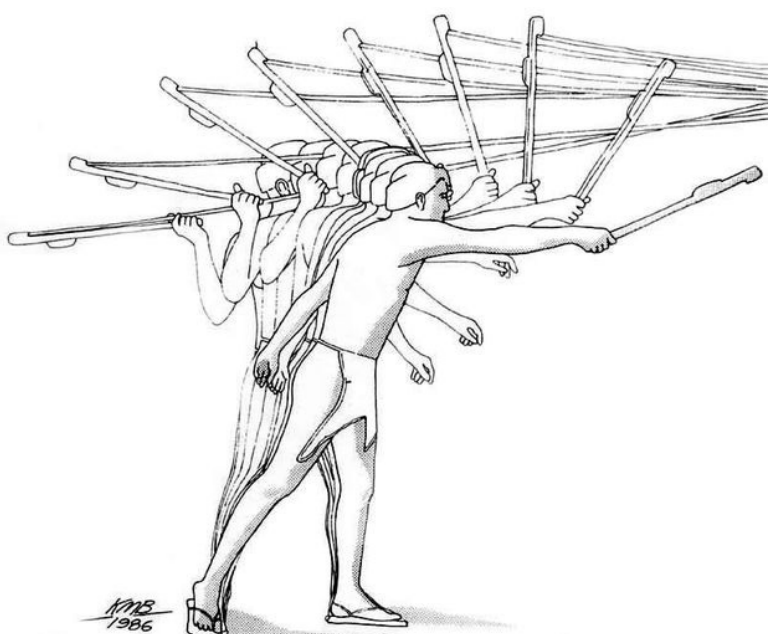
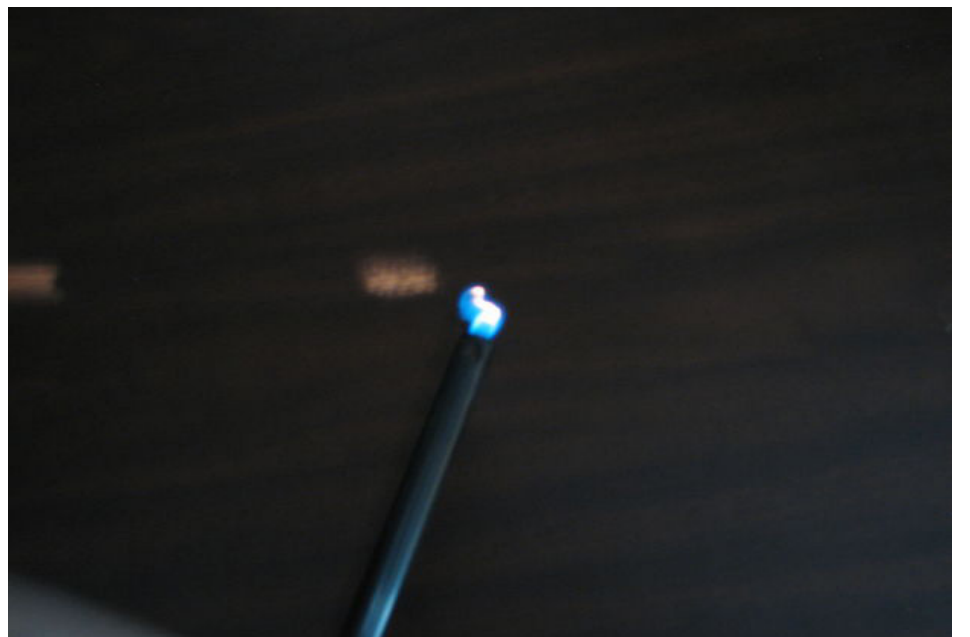
## STEP 9: CARVING A TIP.

TAKE THE OTHER END OF THE SOON-TO-BE DART, AND CARVE A TIP, MAKING SURE TO MAKE IT OFFCENTER SO THAT THE TIP WAS NOT MADE OUT OF THE FLUFFY INNER WOOD. ALTERNATIVELY YOU COULS ATTATCH A FLINT ARROWHEAD. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE YOUR OWN THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT WILL LORD'S ONLINE SHOP

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## STEP 10: HARDENING THE TIP.

THEN HARDEN THE TIP WITH FIRE. THE FIRE HARDENING PROCESS REMOVES MOISTURE FROM THE WOOD BY SLOWLY AND LIGHTLY CHARRING IT OVER A FIRE. THIS PROCESS ALSO CAUSES THE RESINS IN THE WOOD TO HARDEN GIVING IT A STRONGER, DURABLE POINT.



## STEP 11: HAVE FUN WITH UM ATLATL!

HAVE FUN THROWING THE DART WITH THE ATLATL!

WHEN YOU THROW AN ATLATL, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN OPEN AREA THAT'S AT LEAST 30YDS LONG, WITH NOTHING BREAKABLE BEHIND IT.

THERE SHOULD NEVER BE ANYONE IN FRONT OF YOU WHEN YOU THROW.